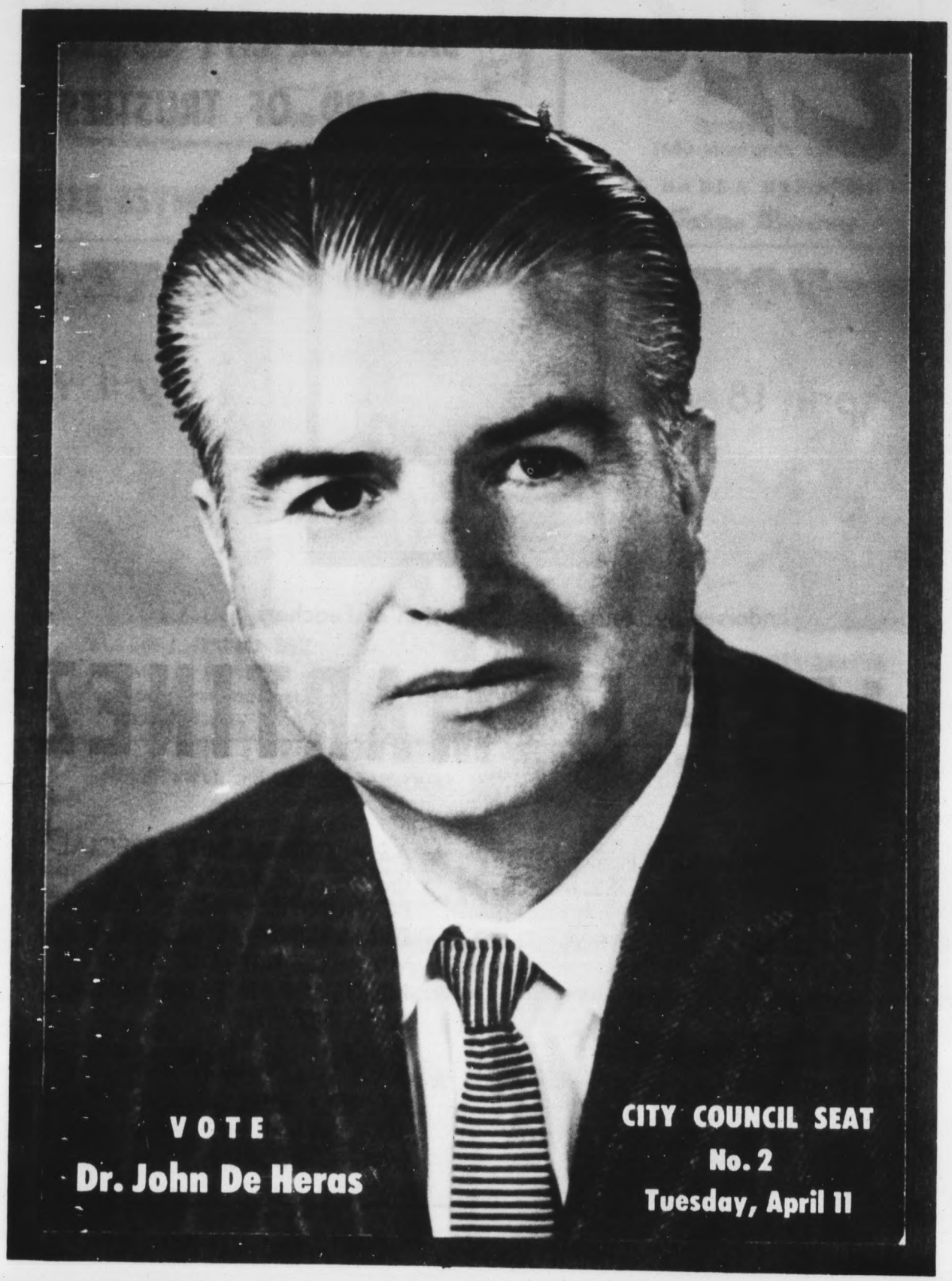
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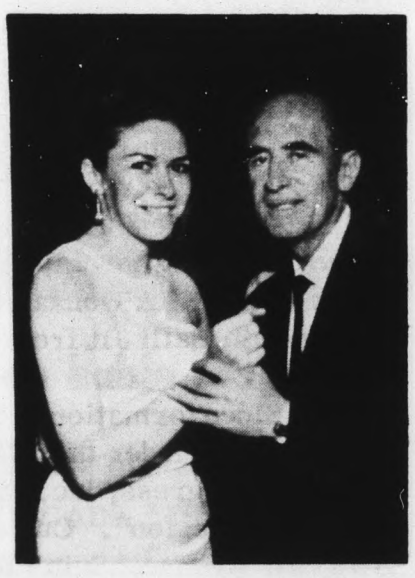
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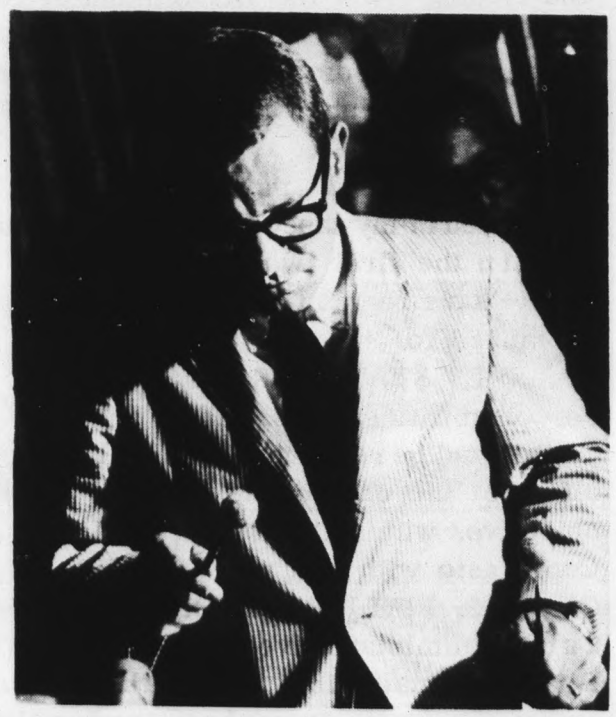
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In November 1966, the Region Four Chapters of the American G.I. Forum got the Albuquerque (Regional Office) Jobs for Progress, Inc. At that time Representatives of these Chapters met and elected a Board of Directors. Hugo Bayona from San Jose was seated as Chairman: Daniel Tellez, from Milpitas, as Vice-Chairman; Dimitrio Reyes, Newark, as Secretary; Pat Vasquez, Luis Ybarra, and Nick Gonzales all from San Jose and Ignacio Balli Jr. from Hayward as Members.

Since formation of this Board, we have Incorporated under the title of "Project Ser, Jobs for Progress, Inc., State of California, Bay Area Region". Our central office is 97 Boston Avenue, Suite 108, San Jose. The Board has drafted a justified "Proposal" for a Center to be located in San Jose, in the multi-million dollar figure. This Proposal is now in Washington D. C. awaiting approval and finding from the Department of Labor, and O.E.O. The Board is optimistically certain that funding of an appreciable amount will be made available shortly after the Fiscal year.

The "Seed" monies ($79,000) that I mentioned in my last column will be available within the first two weeks of April. Also "bids" have been advertised and applications submitted for the following positions in San Jose. I. STATE DIRECTOR: Duties and responsibilities will be direct and implement policy, and be responsible for full implementation of the component projects' goals and objectives within California; Supervise staff; Coordinate with and report to the Regional Office. 2. FIELD REPRESENTATIVE: Work under administrative direction of the State Director, maintain liaison with target cities within the State; Develops and maintains working relationships with related agencies within those cities; assists in the development of Manpower Programs, assists in the expansion of services of the State Office. 3. SKILLS BANK DIRECTOR: To establish and administer job placement, job development, relocation and referral services; and Coordinate services with the Regional Office. 4. STENOGRAPHERS five positions. 5. SECRETARY ASSISTANT to Skills Bank Director.

I would like to point out a very important aspect of our program that concerns each and everyone of you. I can't over-emphasize the necessity of your cooperation and participation, in our Registration Drive. Please don't drop the Ball! The Skills Bank, I repeat the Skills Bank is a Job Records Center set-up. It will be nation-wide, and the California Skills Bank will be tied-in with the Regional Office, who will serve every State in the Nation. Briefly, the purpose is to have everyone register with their present job, trade, etc., and/or availability for advancement. Even though you are completely satisfied we are, and as you are, please remember that our efforts are for those who are not. Therefore, we ask you to please take one minute of your time to register with us. We hope to have a huge success with our Skills Banks and especially with the capability of the (IBM) processing equipment in the Regional Office. Our Registration Drive will be highlighted on April 21, 22, and 23rd.

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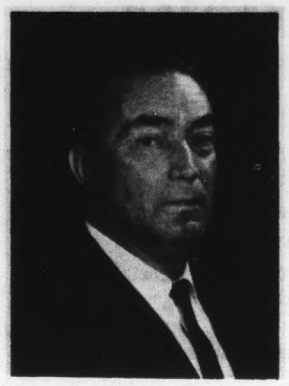
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La Comision Honorifica Mexicana Inc. de San Jose. Organizo una cena barbacoa el viernes 31 de Marzo en el Woman' s Country Club Hall en el 274 E. Campbell Avenue en Campbell.

La cena resulto muy concurrida. Se escuchó con deleite la actuación de la ya famosa pianista Señorita Cristina Cadena, hija de Don Alonso Cadena y la Sra. Julia de Cadena. La Senorita Cadena acompaño al piano al Tenor Sr. Miguel Donoso, que con su bien timbrada voz canto Granada, del maestro Agustin Lara. El publico les otorgo una estruendosa ovacion.

El magnifico Trio Carta Brava, interpeto muchas de sus muy gustadas canciones que arrancaron delirantes aplausos.

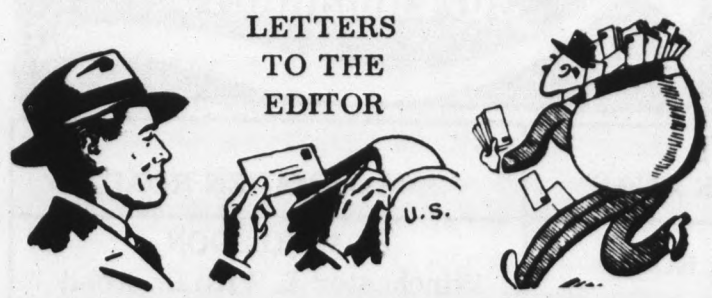
La conocida joyeria "Crescent" hizo el obsequio de dos regalos que se rifaron entre los asistentes. Uno fue un primoroso mantel de Damasco con 8 servilletas y que ganó la Sra. Angulo. El otro fué un precioso pendantiff con un corazón de Jade que gano uno de los invitados.

El Sr. Carlos Gómez fungio como maestro de ceremonias y a la vez fué muy felicitado por haber sido nombrado el Ciudadano del Año, por la Ford Motor Co. de Milpitas, en donde presta sus servicios.

El Sr. Jorge Interiano y el Sr. Salvador Martinez se encargaron de preparar y servir la barbacoa que estuvo deliciosa.

El Sr. Saldaña Presidente de la Comision Honorifica Mexicana Inc. hablo de la gesta heroica del 2 de abril.

Todos los concurrentes demostraron su contento y su adhesion a la Comision Honorifica Mexicana Inc. de San José.



Sr. Daniel Saldaña:

Respetable Sr. Saldaña:

Antes que nada deseo presentarle mi respeto y decirle que me dirijo a Ud. como Presidente del Grupo Cultural Latino Americano #2, el cual acaba de formarse en la Institucion Correpcional Central de Facilidad, en Soledad, California. Es por eso me tomo la libertad de dirigirme a su persona y al mismo tiempo deseo hacerle saber que pude leer el "El Excentrico", el cual recibe aqui en la Institucion un companero, el Panegirico que hace del que en vida fuera Ex-Presidente de Mexico, General de Division Don Abelardo L. Rodriguez, que en paz descanse el gran corazon sentimental y fuerte de este Gran Militar y Gran Estadista.

Sr. Saldaña, como pude leer en sus lineas conserva Ud el libro "Autobiografia" con una dedicatoria, que como expresa Ud salio del corazon de Don Abelardo L. Rodriguez, para la juventud mexicana. Es por eso que me tomo la libertad de hacerle estas lineas aun sin conocerlo personalmente, solo por su foto que aparece en su columna del articulo, al mismo tiempo deseo comunicarle que gran parte de la populacion de esta Institucion es Mexicana, lo que quiere decir Sr. Saldaña que articulo como este suyo, al igual que la "Autobiografia" de hombres como Don Abelardo L. Rodriguez, aunque a pasado a nueva vida, siguen sirviendo de faro y guia de la juventud, yo tuve el honor de leer su articulo en nuestra asamblea, fue para mi el hacerlo una gran satisfaccion, al igual que para nuestros miembros poder recivir tan valioso mensaje y esperamos tanto un servidor de Ud como la mesa ejecutiva y nuestros miembros, poder recivir de Ud la cooperacion, facilitandonos si esta a su alcanse unas "Autobiografias" del Gran ilustre Estadista y Patricio, asi como algun articulo suyo donde guie con su experiencia y nos brinde sus conocimientos, pues la juventud de aqui de esta Institucion necesitamos de hombres como Ud y del que en vida fuera Don Abelardo L. Rodriguez.

Por medio de la presente le extendemos nuestra invitacion, para que nos haga el honor de visitarnos a una de nuestras reuniones de los miercoles a las 6:15 p.m. en la Seccion de Parole de la Institucion, Facilidad Central, en Soledad, California, su recia figura y su personalidad seria un gran estimulo para todos, pues a pesar de esta parecida derrota deseamos encaminar nuestras vidas en el futuro cuando entremos nuevamente a

(continua en la siguiente plana) .....

formar parte de la Sociedad, dentro de un marco de realismo social, que son nuestras necesidades morales, intelectuales, fisicas y espirituales. De gran aliento sera para nosotros el escuchar de hombres como Ud su palabra, nos congratulamos reconociendo en su persona un verdadero exponente de las altas virtudes, de los buenos Latinos Americanos. Sr. Saldaña solo me resta darle las gracias por ante mano y decirle que sabremos apreciar la atencion que nos brinde y pedirle nos perdone la molestia, por tomarme la libertad de hacerle esta malilvanadas lineas, pero que son el sentir de una juventud con el deseo de encaminar sus vidas, mediante la reflexcion y el esfuerzo tesonero y responsable, para emprender el camino licito que nos lleve a vencer el infortunio como dijera Don Abelardo L. Rodriguez.

Una vez mas le presento mis respetos y esperamos recibir la gran alegria de saber de Ud y el mismo tiempo que su persona haga acto de presencia en una de nuestras reuniones agradeciendole la atencion a nuestras lineas, igualmente por el tiempo que le hemos tomado.

De ud respetuosamente,
Orlando Olano
Presidente



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MARCE MORA

Looking at my Weiche Board, at the beginning of 1967 I find it very exciting and full of coming events. I'm not making claims that I'm a Fortune Teller, but my Weiche Board reveals so many things that I might just pass them on to you.

(1) Amongst my closest friends there is a romance going on that can never be. The masculine part of it is a mama's boy. The feminine part is an emotional little girl. So with this kind of intermixing, if this event, would culminate the same results would be a complete disaster.

(2) Amongst my other findings, the coming of the 5th of May Fiesta's are going to be extremely interesting. I will not go into details but, phsycologically saying goes this way out of conflict and clash comes light.

(3) There is a would be lover that does not know what he wants, his main goal is to be admired as long as he keeps two women interested, his self esteem doesn't drop, but poor soul, he is unable to give love and not even derives any satisfaction from his fruitless conquest.

(4) Weiche Board revealing more and more! A woman whose responsibilities lie primarily toward her family but still obsessed with elusions of recapturing her youth. Her ambition through a frustrated career in show business, "Being a Pitiful Failure".

(5) A certain person believes in using another party to make someone else jealous. The approach is so childish it is pathetic.

BAILAMOS

Attend San Felipe's Baile Ranchero. When? April, 8th at 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Where? I.E.S. Hall on E. Santa Clara Street in San Jose. The music will be furnished by Kiko Morales and His orchestra.

Lets make it a point to attend.

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Due to a transposition of photographs, we did not publish the following two photographs, we extend our deepest apologies.

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CLUB San Felipe

Candy Veliz

The club had an Easter picnic at Alum Rock Park and everyone had a ball. Here are 3 photos of the event. And, Dolores Camarillo poquito despeinada pero ay seya.





THE BAILE RANCHERO that club San Felipe will have is taking place on April 8th. The place is the I.E.S. Hall on E. Santa Clara St. The popular band of Kiko Morales will play. Donation is $1.25 per person. The time is 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Get your tickets from any club member or at the door. There will be prizes for the best Ranchero outfits and also some door prizes.

BAILAMOS

Congratulations to Leo and Margie Piacentini. They have an addition to their fam. A baby boy named Dino. Felicitaciones.

Joe Gonzales is back with Club San Felipe. We are glad that Joe is back it always hurts to lose a good man.

I have a report on La Casa Del Mexicano (La que era) Las Fiestas Patrias and the Kennedy Monument committee, but it won't be complete until April 4th so you'll get all the details on the next issue of this magazine.

It is a privilege to vote, so exercise that privilege and vote on April 11th. It will only take a few minutes to vote and I am sure that you'll be glad you did.

For Mayor Ron James

We need the best representation that we can possibly get and Mr. James is a good Hombre. It's not whether you like me or dislike me it's our city that counts and it is my opinion through personal contact with Mr. James that he is the man for the Mayorship. Vote for Ronald James.

The Council seat is very important--two good men; take your choice. Dr. John de Heras and Mr. Allen Sauerwein.

For chicano music there's Maria's and Arturo's Village. There is no more over there (how is this) no ay mas alla!!! Oh, my poor English teacher.

Whats' this I hear that Ema Rizo Rodriguez???? is trying to organize a club. I have heard a lot about her, but I didn't know she was an organizer. What next?

The V. I. P.'s

Very important person that is you if you go there. It's located on South First St. The place is always swinging and the food is delicious. It's the place to dine and dance. Cal Jader will play at the V.I.P.'s, April 14, 15, & 16th. See you there!!!

Jose E. Martinez

Jose is a candidate for the San Jose City College Board of trustees.
The elections take place on April 18th. Jose is well equipped to handle the job. Vote for Jose Martinez. The board of trustees can always use a good man and Jose is a good man.

It is our sincere hope that you and you and you will cooperate. We thank you.

Dear Bob Rodriguez,

I know Mario will appreciate it. How about you. Harry Navarro is growing a Van Dyke at the request of his beautiful girl Ann Mckechnie. Good thing Jess Cordero doesn't get the same request, he has nothing to grow, Heh, Jess?

I will coincide that Dave Sierra is smart, but the couple of times that I off set him only Ike Hernandez, could tell. Ike you can thank Chris Aderete for that. Right Ike?

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OUT SANTA CLARA WAY

MARIO VASQUEZ

Election time is here again. In Santa Clara, there are twelve candidates for three seats in the City Council. Elections will be held on April 4, 1967. There are also two candidates for Chief of Police.

Interest is in San Jose where Mayor Ron James and Councilman Robert Welch are candidates for the office of Mayor. James is the present Mayor and Welch was past Mayor. The most important seat as far as most of the citizens are concerned will be Seat 2 which is now held by Mrs. Virginia Shaffer and past Mayor Dr. Joe Pace. According to talk, we will probably have Virginia again. However, don't forget to vote for Dr. John de Heras, who is also a Candidate for Councilman.

Support is also asked for the election of Jose Martinez, who is a candidate for the Board of Trustees of the San Jose Jr. College District. Jose has a good platform and his target is better schooling for all students, and more representation.

Congratulations go to Carlos Gomez for his being named Bay Area "Ford Citizen of the Year for 1966." Carlos, an employee on the interior trim line at Ford Motor Company, was given the honor for community leadership, Carlos has been Master of Ceremonies during the past 11 years in various social and civic affairs in the County of Santa Clara. Congratulations Carlos, and keep up the good work.

The Teamster Automotive Workers Union Local No. 576 has donated $25.00 and Club Riviera $15.00 to the United Food Drive. Once again, thank you. The Drive will accept donations at any time.

There is one date that you should keep in mind. One is April 15th, which is the last day for all Veterans to file for $1000 Tax Exemption. This actually saves you about $5.00 a month. On the same day, your Income Tax Report should be filed.



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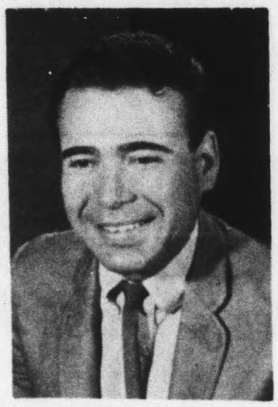
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Board members contacted the Subsecretary of the Federal Ministry of commerce and industry were granted the necessary permit this was a first time concession for goods delivered to La Piedad.

In photo (From left to right) Lou Solari (City Councilman), Connie Baisa, Board Member of Casita de Nazaret, Father Leininger, Spiritual Director, John Marek of St. Francis Budget Shop, Manuel Estrada of Estrada Imports, and Father Gabriel, Assistant at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

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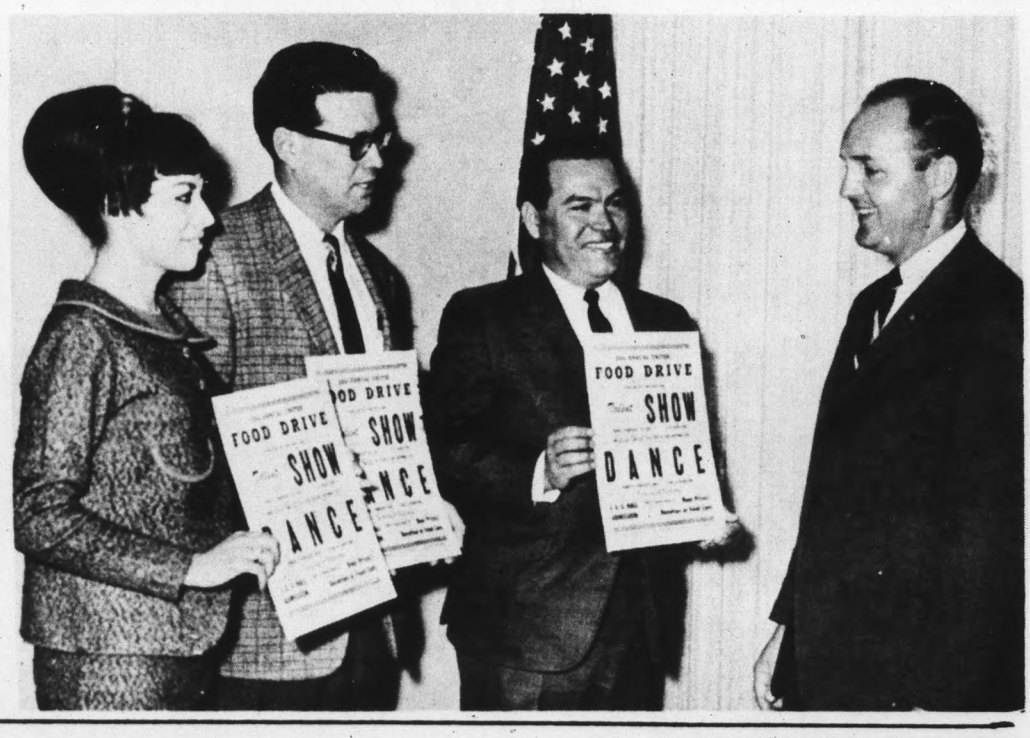
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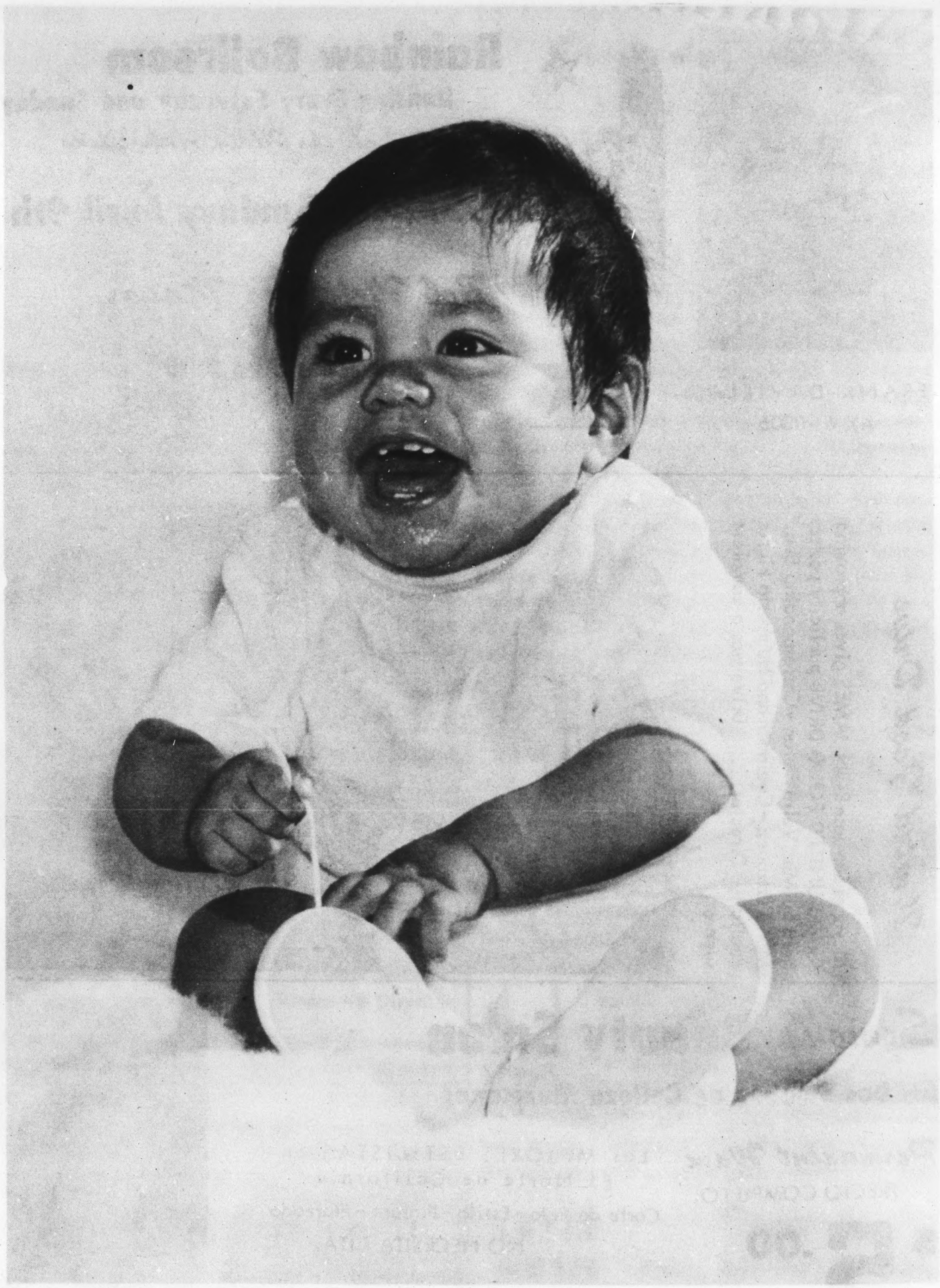
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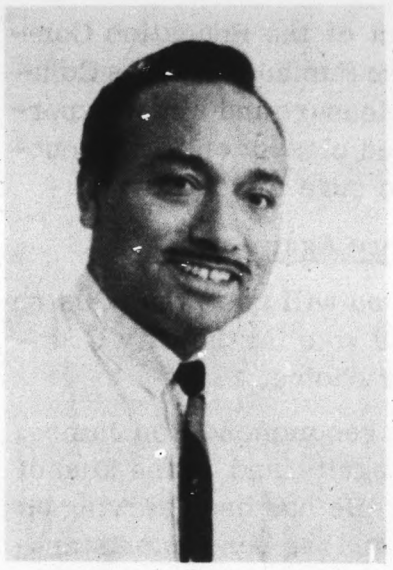
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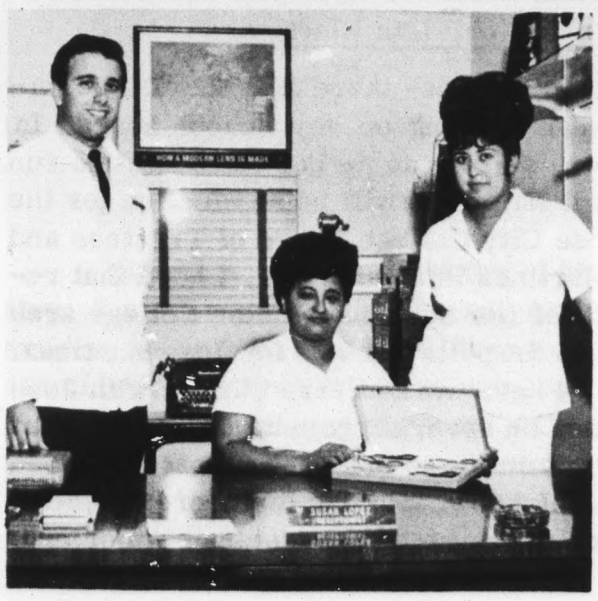
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"The Many Faces of a City"

A half hour documentary color-sound film produced by the San Jose Human Realtions Commission will be shown on Channel 11 KNTV on Sunday, April 9th at 6:30 P.M. It would be worth your time to tune in. The film deals with human relations problems in our city and a good deal of the film deals with the Mexican-American. Among familiar faces in the film are Mayor Ron James, Ike Hernandez, Cruz Perea, Mario Vazquez, Tino Gonzalez, Andy Montgomery, Willie Ellison, Carrie Rees, Eddie Camunez, Mony Amador, Fred Lucero, Lino Lopez, Joe and Jo Lopez, Max Ruiz and a host of others. The color is beautiful if you have a color TV set.

A Spanish narration is now in the works by Eduardo Grigg and it will be shown later on his TV show.





As Chairman of the Education Committee of the San Jose Human Relations Commission it was my pleasure and a new experience to have worked closely on the production of this film. Be sure to see it.

Election Time is Here Again

I hope that you will go to the polls on Tuesday April 11, and vote for the City Council candidate of your choice.

For Mayor I recommend Ron James. He has vitality, integrity and is the kind of man the city needs. He has been serving as the appointed Mayor and has done an outstanding job.

For Councilman, Seat No. 2 my favorite is Dr. John De Heras. He is the only Mexican-American on the ballot and lord knows it is high time that we elected a representative of the M-A community to the City Council. Dr. De Heras has a long string of involvement in the community serving on many boards and commissions. He is presently serving on the City Planning Commission. He has all the qualifications necessary to sit on the City Council and he should get unified backing from the Mexican-American community.

For Council Seat No. 3 there is a fight to the finish between incumbent council members Virginia Shaffer and Dr. John Pace. My choice however is Mark C. Bihn with whom I had the pleasure to serve on the Human Relations Commission. Mr. Bihn is a hard working individual who is not afraid to act and is understanding of the problems facing the Mexican American community and our city.

Jose Martinez Most Worthy of Community Support in April 18th Elections

In San Jose there are no Mexican-Americans sitting on any school board. In fact very seldom do we get candidates to run. On April 18th there will be an election for the San Jose City College Board of Trustees and Jose Martinez is a candidate. I hope that residents of the San Jose Junior College area will go to the polls and vote for Jose Martinez.

I have worked very closely with Jose Martinez on several projects during the past two years and he is one of the most dedicated persons I know. He has a sincere desire to advance the cause of the Mexican-American.

Jose is past local Chairman of the Community Service Organization and presently serving as a National Vice-Chairman.

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He is a Commissioner on the Economic Opportunity Commission as well as serving on the board of the Mexican American Community Services Agency.

He is attending San Jose State College to complete his education and is employed by the Manpower Opportunities Project.

We can only get representation if we turn out to vote. I can think of no one more worthy to support than the dedicated Jose Martinez. Remember the election date..... Tuesday April 18th.

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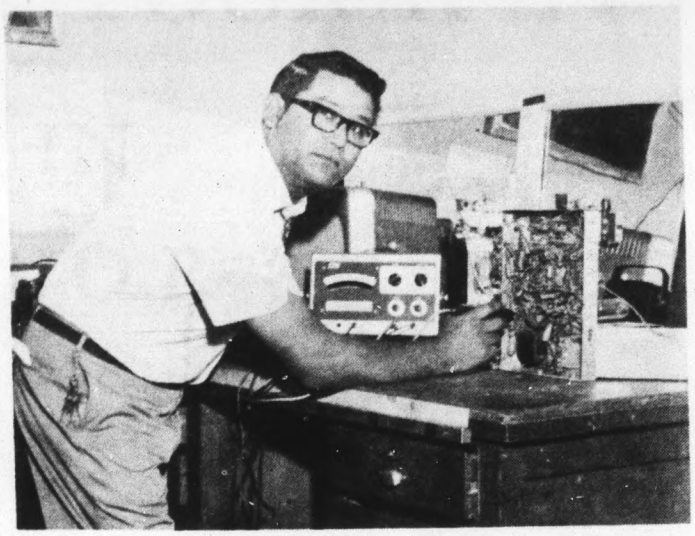
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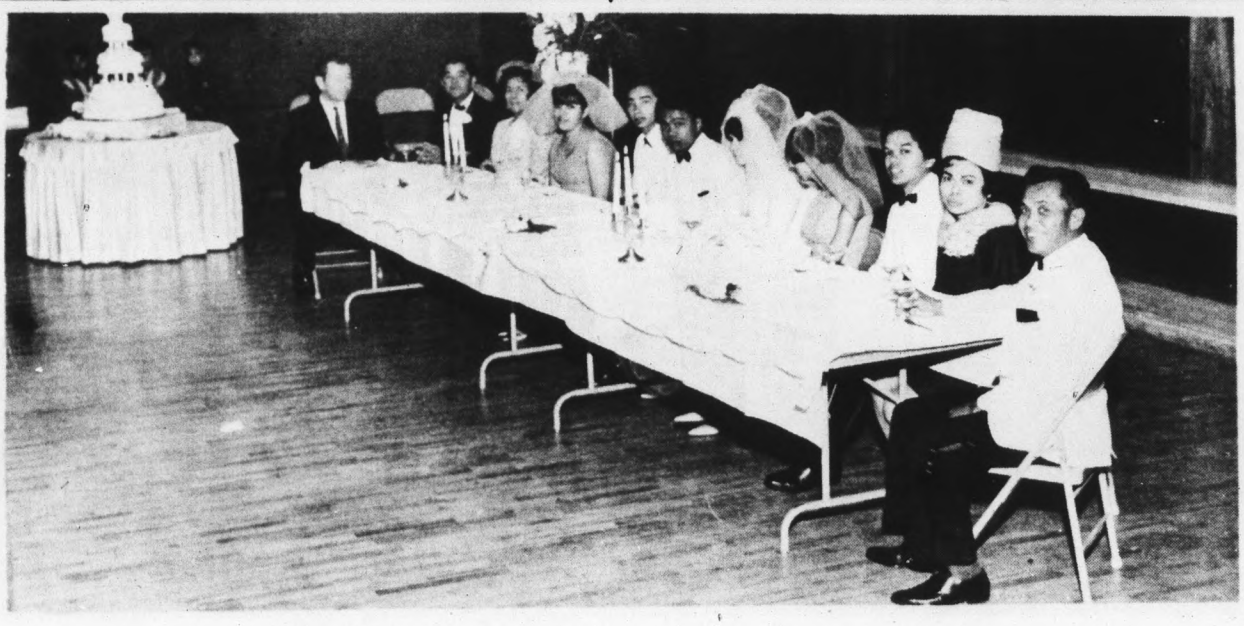
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The brides' parents are originally from Texas and have lived in San Jose for the past 9 years. Josephs' parents have resided in San Jose for the past 19 years, originally are from the Philippines.

In photo from left to right: Lee Purdy, Ramon Perez, Esther Perez, Alice Russell, Phil Ordones, Joseph and Gloria Mendoza, Jr., bride and groom, Esther Sotelo, Eugene Corpus, Damiana and Joseph F. Mendoza, Sr. Ring Bearer was Charles Mendoza.

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Her Royal Majesty

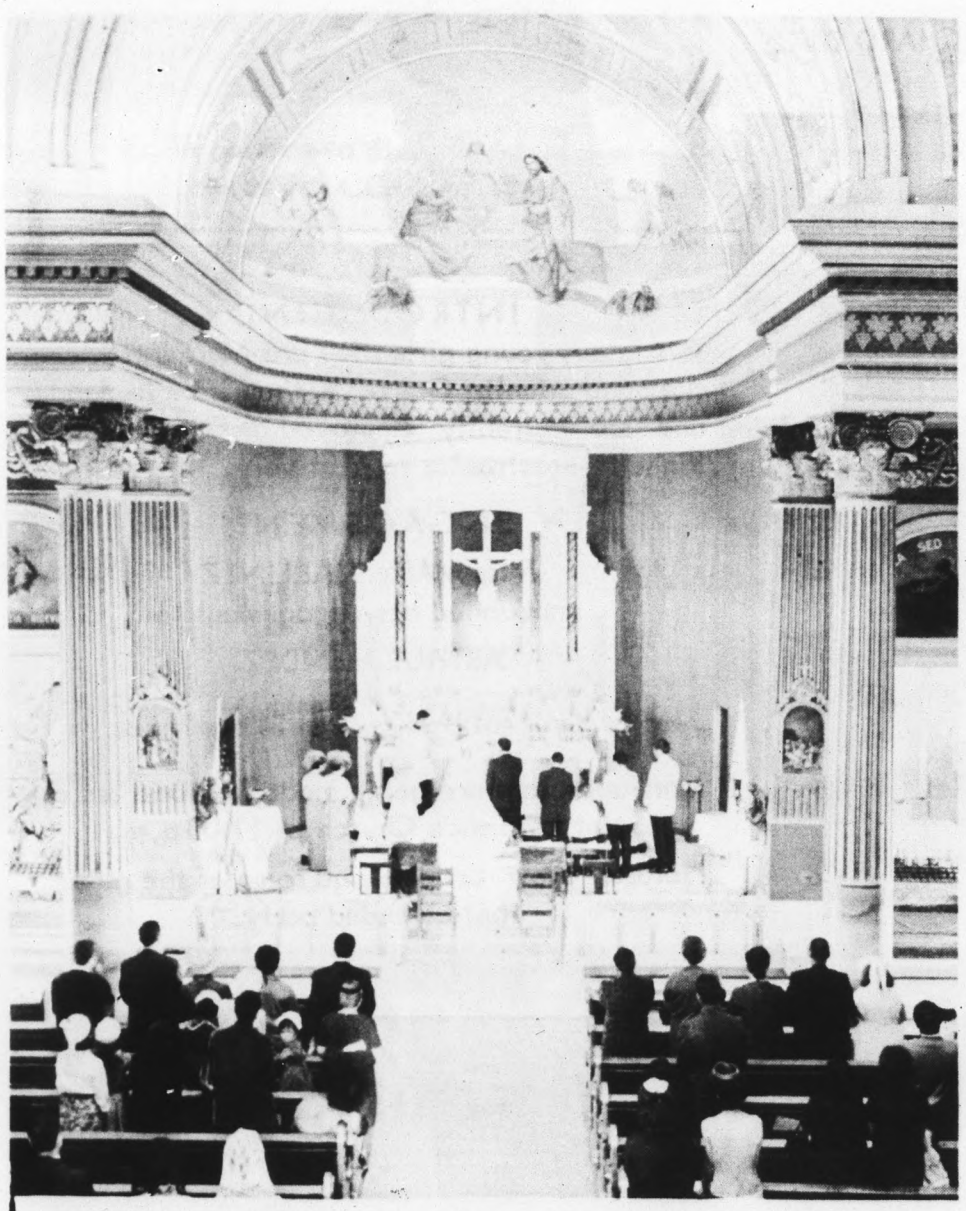
On Saturday, February 18, 1967 the American G. I. Forum, San Jose Chapter, held its annual Sweetheart Ball at the Little New Yorker in Santa Clara, with Miss Linda de los Angeles being selected queen. In photo from left to right are Joseph Sarzosa, who performed an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies (with his long tails, really living the part), Anita Pimental, Miss American G.I. Forum of 1966, Margo Linda de los Angeles, newly elected queen, Gloria Gonzales, National Queen of 1966, and Gloria Sierra, Ladies Auxiliary Chairman.

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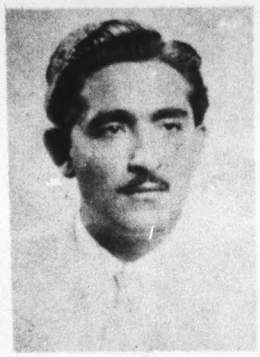
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Como herida por una puñalada en pleno corazón, la madre dió un grito y se desplomó inconsciente cuando oyó la terrible sentencia: su querida hija Rosaura estaba condenada a morir dentro de seis meses. La larga y dolorosa lucha en la cual se habian agotado todos los recursos disponibles en un desesperado esfuerzo por salvarla, sólo había servido para prolongar su martirio. Rosaura, joven y bonita, esposa cariñosa y madre abnegada de tres preciosos niños, desde su camara de tortura moral y material vería llegar la primavera con su alegre y fragante floración, vería llegar el verano pleno de sol, trayendo abundantes frutas, dulce regalo de la tierra generosa, y vería pasar los días bajo el ritmo de la risa cantarina de sus hijos y el dolor silencioso de sus padres y de su esposo. Y por último, vería su pobre carcomida humanidad consumirse lentamente hasta el día en que la muerte piadosamente vendría por ella.

Ayer estuve a visitarla, ocho dias después de la fatal sentencia. Rosaura llevaba un vestido estampado con flores de vivos colores en un fondo amarillo en el cual su alta y esbelta figura lucía maravillosamente. Bajo la tenue luz de su habitación, el color rojo de las cortinas y tulipanes en profusión, la palidez de Rosaura contrastaba dramáticamente imprimiendo en ella una exótica belleza. Mirándola allí acogedora y sonriente, era imposible concebir la idea de que ella era víctima de una terrible enfermedad que estaba devorando su vida inconteniblemente. El cáncer que había hecho presa de ella había sido detectado demasiado tarde, de modo que todas las posibilidades de curación habíanse desvanecido.

Rosaura habló lentamente, presa de un amargo remordimiento. "Toda la culpa es mía", dijo, y ante mi reacción de sorpresa, ella continuó, "Si, la culpa es mía porque no dí la debida importancia a los primeros síntomas de mi enfermedad. Quiero decir que en lugar de acudir al médico traté de curarme yo misma con aguas medicinales y aspirinas. Asi estuve varios meses hasta cuando alguien me dijo que mi enfermedad podría ser cancer. Entonces, siguiendo el consejo de una amiga mía acudí a la Sociedad Americana de Lucha Contra el Cancer (American Cancer Society). Para ser mas precisa, llamé por teléfono a esa Sociedad y recibí una amable respuesta en español cuando les dije que hablaba muy poquito inglés. Entonces ellos enviaron una señora a mi casa quien se encargó de llevarme al hospital. Allí me examinaron, y como tú sabes, hicieron todo lo humanamente posible, pero era demasiado tarde porque la enfermedad habia progresado a tal punto que todo tratamiento resultó infructuoso. Bueno, tú conoces el resto. Los médicos no me dan más de seis meses de vida. De modo que viviré solo hasta el próximo verano".

Había en la voz de Rosaura una profunda e indecible tristeza y con el pequeño pañuelo que estrujaba entre sus manos temblorosas, recogió las lágrimas que finalmente se desbrodaron incontenibles por sus mejillas.

Cuando salí de casa de Rosaura comencé a caminar sin rumbo fijo. Me sentía completamente sobrecogido de dolor y desorientado. De pronto un nombre vino a mi mente, la American Cancer Society. Entonces tomé una decisión, iría allá para informarme de cómo ellos trabajan. Acudi a la guía telefónica y encontre la dirección: 379 W. San Carlos, teléfono 297-0527. Llamé y me contestó la señora Rosa Romero quien, cuando le dije mi propósito, me dijo que sería bien venido. Una vez en su oficina ella me explicó que la American Cancer Society estaba empeñada en una campaña de divulgación sobre el cáncer entre la comunidad de habla española, que para ello la sociedad contaba con folletos en inglés y español, con películas y con personas versades en la materia. Todo lo que la sociedad requería era la colaboración de la gente, y explicó que cualquier persona podría organizar una reunión de vecinos y amigos y pedir a la sociedad una personas que vaya a enseñarles las películas y a hablarles sobre la ayuda que pueden recibir de dicha institución cualquier rato que necesiten. La señora Romero enfatizó la necesidad de que toda persona deber tener un conocimiento fundamental de los síntomas del cáncer para acudir en procura de atención médica cuando la enfermedad todavía puede ser combatida, y no demasiado tarde, como

(continua en la siguiente plana) .....

en el caso de Rosaura.

Ojalá que esta pequeña historia contituya un mensaje para todo aquel que la lea y haga que se interese por la información necesaria sobre el cáncer. Si esto es así, podria decirse que se ha contribuido de cierto modo a salvar la vida que bien puede ser la propia nuestra o la de cualquiera de nuestros seres queridos.

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On February 25, 1967, Juan Carlos Morillo received the Holy Sacrament of Baptism at the Holy Family Church. He is eight months old, was born in Zacatecas, Mexico. In photograph from left to right: Godmother, Rachel Fernandez, Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aquielo and Emma Morillo, Godfather, Manuel Fernandez (El Rapido). To celebrate this event a family party was held at 101 So. 23rd Street, San Jose.

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